Annaveera Temple at Korwar Village.

*Q.—180. Sri S. RUDRAPPA (Kalgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that complaint has been lodged with Superintendent of Police, Gulbarga that some persons broke open the door of Annaveera Temple at Korwar Village, Chittapur Taluk, Gulbarga District ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said temple is under the supervision and management of Tahsildar, Chittapur ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No action could be taken by the Police as the incident did not amount to criminal trespass.

(c) Yes.

Calling attention to a matter of urgent public Importance *re* : Incident in Varadapura Village, Sira Taluk resulting in the death of several persons.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ (ಹೆಬ್ಬೂರು).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಜರೂರಾದ ವಿಚಾರವೊಂದನ್ನು ಎಂದರೆ, ಸಿರಾ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ವರದಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಘಟನೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಂಭವಿಸಿರುವ ಅನೇಕ ಸಾವುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಗೃಹ ಆಡಳಿತ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲು ಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

† Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—With your permission, I would like to place some facts relating to this incident before the House. A person by name Kariyanna, son of Sanna Ugrappa lived in an isolated house in Varadapura Village in Sira Taluk of Tumkur District. The village consists of about 4 or 5 houses only and the boundary of Andhra Pradesh is about a furlong from Kariyanna's house. Kariyanna and his four brothers who lived about a mile and a half from Varadapura village were leaders of one group and another group was headed by a person called Teacher Dasappa, Badagi Gundappa and some others. There were disputes between these two groups and a number of cases and counter cases had been filed by each party against the other.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is there anything pending in the court pertaining to this ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Security proceedings are in the court.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think security proceedings are also proceedings pending in the court. The Hon'ble Minister may be brief to see that he does not violate it if possible.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I am not referring to facts of those cases. Action has been taken against both the groups under the security sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the Police and these persons had to appear before the Court of the Magistrate in this connection on the 6th of October 1965. On the morning of this particular day, a crowd of about 55 persons led by a person named Saneerappa and some of those persons residing within the jurisdiction of Police Station of Kariyagalahalli, Sira Taluk and some others residing in Madakasira. Taluk, surrounded the House of Kariyanna and heaped ragi hay and jola stacks in front of the House and set fire to the House. They are understood also to have made two big holes in the back wall of the House and inserted ragi hay and jola stack and set fire to it and also through the sky light. As a result of this, the following 9 persons were smoked to death :

Kariyanna	Rathnamma
Hanumakka	Kariyanna
Ammajamma	Korappa
Sarojamma	Sakamma
Allappa	

Puttamma, elder sister of the deceased and three others who were sleeping in a portion of the house between the main building and the cattle-shed, were not affected. On seeing the smoke, Police Constable Kariyappa who was at Tadakalurpalya came running to Varadapura village. On seeing the Police Constable the accused persons ran away. The Police Constable along with some villagers tried to rescue the inmates but the above mentioned 9 persons were dead and they rescued Puttamma and 3 others.

A case has been taken up under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code for investigation against Saneerappa and other accused persons. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range visited the village on 7-10-1965 and made detailed enquiries and issued instructions to the Investigating Officers. The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tiptur, is camping at the village and the Superintendent of Police, Tumkur District is camping at Sira and guiding the investigation. The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur has instructed the jurisdictional police officers to render all assistance in rounding up the accused who may be found in Madakasira Taluk. So far 11 persons out of the 56 have been arrested and further investigation is proceeding.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—One clarification. The matter is not pending in the court. I will not touch the investigation matter. I want to know whether the area has been declared as disturbed area under the new Police Act.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Under Rule 63 (2), nothing else can be done after hearing the statement.